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AMEND House Bill No. 1718, Page	1, In the Title, Lines 2-3, by deleting all of said lines and inserting in
ieu thereof the following words, "To	amend chapter 135, RSMo, by adding thereto twelve new sections
relating to tax relief."; and	
Further amend said bill, page, Section	n A, Line 2, by inserting after all of said section, the following:
"135.077. As used in section	as 135.077 to 135.087, the following terms mean:
(1) "Department", the depart	ment of revenue;
(2) "Director", the director of	of revenue;
(3) "Equity interest", the diff	ference between the assessed value of the property by the county
assessor's office and the total of:	
(a) All debts from the lien of	f mortgage, deeds of trust or security interests which are recorded or
noted on a certificate of title before J	anuary first of the current tax year; and
(b) Accumulated deferred ta	xes;
(4) "Homestead", the owner	occupied principal dwelling, either real or personal property, owned
by the taxpayer and the tax lot upon v	which it is located. If the homestead is located in a multi-unit
building, the homestead is the portion	n of the building actually used as the principal dwelling and its
percentage of the value of the commo	on elements and of the value of the tax lot upon which it is built. The
percentage is the value of the unit con	nsisting of the homestead compared to the total value of the building
exclusive of the common elements, it	fany;
(5) "Household income", the	e federal adjusted gross income;
(6) "Maximum upper limit",	thirty-two thousand dollars;
(7) "Taxpayer", an individua	al who has filed a claim for deferral under sections 135.077 to
135.087 or individuals who have join	tly filed a claim for deferral under sections 135.077 to 135.087;
(8) "Tax-deferred property",	the property upon which taxes are deferred under sections 135.077
to 135.087;	
(9) "Taxes" or "property tax	es", ad valorem taxes, assessments, fees, and charges entered on the
assessment and tax roll.	
135.078. 1. An individual, o	or two or more individuals jointly, may elect to defer the property
taxes on their homestead by filing a c	claim for deferral with the county assessor after January first and on
or before October fifteenth of the firs	t year in which deferral is claimed if the individual, or, in the case of
two or more individuals filing a clain	n jointly, the older individual, is sixty-two years of age or older on
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40	apply for the deferral jointly;
39	survivorship under a recorded instrument of sale if all owners live in the homestead and if all owners
38	sale, or two or more persons shall together own or be purchasing the fee simple estate with rights of
37	spouse, own the fee simple estate or be purchasing the fee simple estate under a recorded instrument of
36	(2) The person claiming the deferral shall, by himself or herself or together with his or her
35	deferral, except for an individual required to be absent from the homestead by reason of health;
34	(1) The property shall be the homestead of the individual or individuals who file the claim for
33	of taxes by the taxpayer is deferred:
32	shall meet all of the following requirements when the claim is filed and thereafter so long as the payment
31	135.079. 1. In order to qualify for tax deferral under sections 135.077 to 135.087, the property
30	of a claim under section 143.841.
29	disqualification from deferral of homestead property taxes may appeal in the manner provided for denial
28	8. Any person aggrieved by the denial of a claim for deferral of homestead property taxes or
27	individual.
26	jointly with the individual even though the spouse may be eligible to claim the deferral jointly with the
25	7. Nothing in this section shall be construed to require a spouse of an individual to file a claim
24	trustee may act for the individual in complying with the provisions of sections 135.077 to 135.087.
23	under sections 135.077 to 135.087, owns the fee simple estate under a recorded instrument of sale, the
22	is both the settlor and a beneficiary of the trust and who is otherwise qualified to obtain a deferral of taxes
21	6. If a trustee of an inter vivos trust which was created by and is revocable by an individual, who
20	individual in complying with the provisions of sections 135.077 to 135.087.
	deferral of taxes under sections 135.077 to 135.087, the guardian or conservator may act for such individual in complying with the provisions of sections 135.077 to 135.087
18	5. If a guardian or conservator has been appointed for an individual otherwise qualified to obtain
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17	long as the provisions of section 135.079 are met.
16	(3) Continuing the deferral of the payment by the taxpayer of any future property taxes for as
15	sections 135.077 to 135.087 for previous years which have not become delinquent under section 135.083;
14	(2) Continuing the deferral of the payment by the taxpayer of any property taxes deferred under
13	beginning on January first of such year;
12	under subsection 1 of this section, it shall have the effect of: (1) Deferring the payment of the property taxes levied on the homestead for the fiscal year
10 11	4. When the taxpayer elects to defer property taxes for any year by filing a claim for deferral
9	which shall determine if the property is eligible for deferral.
8	3. The county assessor shall forward each claim filed under this section to the director of revenue
7	filed of less than the maximum upper limit.
6	household income for the calendar year immediately preceding the calendar year in which the claim is
5	have, or in case of two or more individuals filing a claim jointly, all of the individuals together shall have
4	2. In order to make the election described in subsection 1 of this section, the individual shall
3	any homestead exemption credit under section 137.106.
2	eligible to defer property taxes under this section if such individual or individuals filed a valid claim for
1	October fifteenth of the year in which the claim is filed. No such individual or individuals shall be

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satisfaction of liens against tax-deferred properties of that county in advance or at the time entry is made.
any filing, indexing, or recording fees to the county in connection with the recording, release or
3. Notwithstanding any provisions of law to the contrary, the director shall not be required to pay
listed.
recording, release, or satisfaction of the lien, even though the amount of taxes, interest, or fees is not
of the deferred taxes plus interest together with any fees paid to the county clerk in connection with the
subsection 1 of this section is notice that the director claims a lien against those properties in the amount
2. Except as provided in section 135.082, the recording of the tax-deferred properties under
of the owner listed thereon.
The list shall contain a description of the property as listed on the assessment roll together with the name
cause to be recorded in the mortgage records of the county a list of tax-deferred properties of that county.
135.080. 1. In each county in which there is tax-deferred property, the director of revenue shall
property at the rate of six percent per annum.
6. Interest shall accrue on the actual amount of taxes advanced to the county for the tax-deferred
are extended upon the roll the tax statement for each tax-deferred property.
5. When requested by the director, the tax collector shall send to the director as soon as the taxes
designating such property as tax-deferred property.
the current ad valorem assessment and tax roll which property is tax-deferred property by an entry clearly
to 135.087, the director of revenue shall notify the county assessor and the county assessor shall show on
4. If eligibility for deferral of homestead property is established as provided in sections 135.077
applicant making the claim to the effect that the statements contained in the claim are true.
3. There shall be annexed to the claim a statement verified by a written declaration of the
of sections 135.077 to 135.087 have been met.
(3) Have attached any documentary proof required by the director to show that the requirements
<u>135.078;</u>
preceding the calendar year in which the claim is filed, less than the amount required under section
case of two or more individuals claiming the deferral jointly, was, for the calendar year immediately
135.077 to 135.087, including facts that establish that the household income of the individual, or in the
(2) Recite facts establishing the eligibility for the deferral under the provisions of sections
(1) Describe the homestead;
supplied by the department and shall:
2. A taxpayer's claim for deferral under sections 135.077 to 135.087 shall be in writing on a form
of the homestead to the director of revenue.
spouse, show proof of insurance on the homestead in an amount equal to or exceeding the assessed value
(5) The person claiming the deferral shall, by himself or herself or together with his or her
the assessed value of the homestead; and
(4) The equity interest in the homestead is a positive number equal to or exceeding ten percent of
contract for which the homestead is security;
(3) There shall be no prohibition to the deterral of property taxes contained in any provision of federal law, rule or regulation applicable to a mortgage, trust deed, land sale contract, or conditional sale
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L	4. Upon determining the amount of deterred taxes on tax-deterred property for the tax year, the
2	director shall pay to the respective county tax collectors an amount equivalent to the deferred taxes less
3	two percent thereof. Payment shall be made from the account established under section 135.087.
ļ	5. The director shall maintain accounts for each deferred property and shall accrue interest only
	on the actual amount of taxes advanced to the county.
	6. If only a portion of taxes are deferred under section 135.084, the director shall pay the portion
	that is eligible for deferral to the tax collector and shall provide a separate notice to the county assessor
	stating the amount of property taxes that the director is paying.
	135.081. 1. On or before December fifteenth of each year, the director of revenue shall send a
	notice to each taxpayer who is qualified to claim deferral of property taxes for the current tax year. The
	notice shall:
	(1) Inform the taxpayer that the property taxes have or have not been deferred in the current year;
	(2) Show the total amount of deferred taxes remaining unpaid since initial application for deferral
	and the interest accruing therein to November fifteenth of the current year;
	(3) Inform the taxpayer that voluntary payment of the deferred taxes may be made at any time to
	the director of revenue; and
	(4) Contain any other information that the director considers necessary to facilitate administration
	of the homestead deferral program.
	2. The director shall give the notice required under subsection 1 of this section by an unsealed
	postcard or other form of mail sent to the residence address of the taxpayer as shown in the claim for
	deferral or as otherwise determined by the director to be the correct address of the taxpayer.
	3. Any taxpayer who meets the requirements of section 135.078 and whose homestead meets the
	requirements of section 135.079 who has not deferred their property tax for the preceding calendar year
	and who has deferred in prior years shall be permitted to file the application required by section 135.079
	until January thirtieth of the following calendar year.
	135.082. 1. At the time that the taxpayer elects to defer property taxes under sections 135.077 to
	135.087, the director of revenue shall estimate the amount of property taxes that will be deferred for tax
	years beginning on or after January 1, 2012, and interest thereon. Thereafter, the director shall have a lien
	in the amount of the estimate.
	2. The lien created under subsection 1 of this section shall attach to the property to which the
	election to defer relates on January first of the tax year of initial deferral.
	3. The lien created under subsection 1 of this section in the amount of the estimate shall have the
	same priority as other real property tax liens except that the lien of mortgages, trust deeds, or security
	interests which are recorded or noted on a certificate of title prior in time to the attachment of the lien for
	deferred taxes shall be prior to the liens for deferred taxes.
	4. If during the period of tax deferment, the amount of taxes, interest, and fees exceeds the
	estimate, the director shall have a lien for the amount of the excess. The liens for the excess shall attach
	to the property on January first of the tax year in which the excess occurs. The lien for the excess shall
	have the same priority as other real property tax liens, except that the lien of mortgages, trust deeds, or
	security interests recorded or noted on any certificate of title prior in time to the date that the director
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records an amendment to its estimate to reflect its fien for the excess shall be prior to the fien for the
excess.
5. Notwithstanding the provisions of section 135.080, the notice of lien for deferred taxes
recorded as provided in section 135.080 arising on or after January 1, 2013, shall list the amount of the
estimate of deferred taxes, interest, and fees made by the director under subsection 1 of this section and
any amendment to the notice to reflect a lien for excess, as described under subsection 4 of this section,
shall list the amount of the excess that the director claims as lien.
6. A lien created under this section may be foreclosed by the director under the law relating to
foreclosure in civil suits or any other collection methods given the director of revenue. The court may
award reasonable attorney fees to the prevailing party in a foreclosure action under this section.
7. Receipts from foreclosure proceedings shall be credited in the same manner as other
repayments of deferred property taxes under section 135.087.
8. By means of voluntary payment made as provided under section 135.086, the taxpayer may
limit the amount of the lien for deferred taxes created under this section. If the taxpayer desires that the
limit be reflected in the records of the county, the taxpayer shall request, subject to any rules adopted by
the director, that the director cause a partial satisfaction of the lien to be recorded in the county. Upon
receipt of such a request, the director shall cause a partial satisfaction, in the amount of the voluntary
payment, to be so recorded. Nothing in this subsection shall affect the priority of the liens of the director,
as originally created under subsections 1 and 4 of this section.
9. Nothing in this section shall affect any lien arising under sections 135.077 to 135.087 for taxes
assessed before January 1, 2013.
135.083. 1. Subject to subsections 5 to 7 of this section, all deferred property taxes, including
accrued interest, become payable as provided in this section when:
(1) The taxpayer who claimed deferment of collection of property taxes on the homestead dies or,
if there was more than one claimant, the survivor of the taxpayers who originally claimed deferment of
collection of property taxes under section 135.078 dies;
(2) The property with respect to which deferment of collection of taxes is claimed is sold, or a
contract to sell is entered into, or some person other than the taxpayer who claimed the deferment
becomes the owner of the property;
(3) The tax-deferred property is no longer the homestead of the taxpayer who claimed the
deferral, except in the case of a taxpayer required to be absent from such tax-deferred property by reason
of health; or
(4) The tax-deferred property, a manufactured structure or floating home, is moved out of the
state.
2. Whenever any of the circumstances listed in subsection 1 of this section occurs:
(1) The deferral of taxes for the assessment year in which the circumstance occurs shall continue
for such assessment year; and
(2) The amounts of deferred property taxes, including accrued interest, for all years shall be due
and payable on the date of closing or the date of probate to the director of revenue, except as provided in
subsections 4 and 5 of this section and subsections 8 to 12 of section 135.086.
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1	3. Notwithstanding the provisions of subsection 2 of this section and subsections 8 to 12 of
2	section 135.086, when the circumstances listed in subdivision (4) of subsection 1 of this section occur, the
3	amount of deferred taxes shall be due and payable five days before the date of removal of the property
4	from the state.
5	4. If the amounts falling due as provided in this section are not paid on the indicated due date, or
6	as extended under subsections 8 to 12 of section 135.086 such amounts shall be deemed delinquent as of
7	that date and the property shall be subject to foreclosure as provided in section 135.082.
8	5. Notwithstanding the provisions of subsection 1 of this section, when one of the circumstances
9	listed in subsection 1 of this section occurs, the spouse who was not eligible to or did not file a claim
10	jointly with the taxpayer may continue the property in its deferred tax status by filing a claim within the
11	time and in the manner provided under section 135.078 if:
12	(1) The spouse of the taxpayer is or will be sixty years of age or older not later than six months
13	from the day the circumstance listed in subsection 1 of this section occurs; and
14	(2) The property is the homestead of the spouse of the taxpayer and meets the requirements of
15	subsection 3 of section 135.079.
16	6. A spouse who does not meet the age requirements of subsection 5 of this section but is
17	otherwise qualified to continue the property in its tax-deferred status under subsection 5 of this section
18	may continue the deferral of property taxes deferred for previous years by filing a claim within the time
19	and in the manner provided under section 135.078. If a spouse eligible for and continuing the deferral of
20	taxes previously deferred under this subsection becomes sixty-two years of age before October fifteenth of
21	any year, the spouse may elect to continue the deferral of previous years' taxes deferred under this
22	subsection and may elect to defer the current assessment year's taxes on the homestead by filing a claim
23	within the time and in the manner provided under section 135.078. Thereafter, payment of the taxes
24	levied on the homestead and deferred under this subsection and payment of taxes levied on the homestead
25	in the current assessment year and in future years may be deferred in the manner provided in and subject
26	to sections 135.077 to 135.087.
27	7. Notwithstanding that section 135.078 requires that a claim be filed no later than October
28	fifteenth, if the director of revenue determines that good and sufficient cause exists for the failure of a
29	spouse to file a claim under this section on or before October fifteenth, the claim may be filed within one
30	hundred eighty days after notice of taxes due and payable under section 135.077 to 135.087 is mailed or
31	delivered by the director to the taxpayer or spouse.
32	135.084. 1. Notwithstanding any other provision of sections 135.077 to 135.087, if the individual
33	or, in the case of two or more individuals electing to defer property taxes jointly, all of the individuals
34	together, or the spouse who has filed a claim under subsections 5 to 7 of section 135.083, has household
35	income that exceeds the maximum upper limit for the tax year that began in the previous calendar year,
36	then for the tax year next beginning, the amount of taxes for which deferral is allowed shall be reduced by
37	fifty cents for each dollar of household income in excess of the maximum upper limit or if that income
38	exceeds the maximum upper limit by a factor of two, the property taxes shall not be deferred.
39	2. Before December first of each year, the director of revenue shall review returns filed under
40	chapter 143 to determine if subsection 1 of this section is applicable for a homestead for the tax year next
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1	beginning. If subsection 1 of this section is applicable, the director shall notify by mail the taxpayer or
2	spouse electing deferral, and the taxes otherwise to be deferred for the tax year next beginning shall be
3	reduced as provided in subsection 1 of this section or, if household income in excess of the maximum
4	upper limit exceeds the maximum upper limit by a factor of two, the property taxes shall not be deferred.
5	3. If the taxpayer or spouse does not file a return for purposes of chapter 143 and the director has
6	reason to believe that the federal adjusted gross income of the taxpayer or spouse exceeds the maximum
7	upper limit for the tax year that began in the previous calendar year, the director shall notify by mail the
8	taxpayer or spouse electing deferral. If, within thirty days after the notice is mailed, the taxpayer or
9	spouse does not file a return under chapter 143 or otherwise satisfy the director that household income
0	does not exceed the maximum upper limit, the director shall again notify the taxpayer or spouse, and the
.1	taxes otherwise to be deferred for the tax year next beginning shall not be deferred.
2	4. Nothing in this section shall affect the continued deferral of taxes that have been deferred for
13	tax years beginning prior to the tax year next beginning or the right to deferral of taxes for a tax year
4	beginning after the tax year next beginning if subsection 1 of this section is not applicable for that tax year
5	for the homestead.
16	5. If, after an initial determination under this section has been made by the director, upon audit or
17	examination or otherwise, it is discovered that the taxpayer or spouse had household income in excess of
18	the limitation provided under subsection 1 of this section, the director shall determine the amount of taxes
9	deferred that should not have been deferred and give notice to the taxpayer or spouse of the amount of
20	taxes that should not have been deferred. The provisions of chapter 143 shall apply to a determination of
21	the director under this section in the same manner as those provisions are applicable to an income tax
22	deficiency. The amount of deferred taxes that should not have been deferred shall bear interest from the
23	date paid by the director until paid at the rate of six percent. A deficiency shall not be assessed under this
24	section if notice required under this section is not given to the taxpayer or spouse within three years after
25	the date that the director has paid the deferred taxes to the county. Upon payment of the amount assessed
26	as deficiency, and interest, the department shall execute a release in the amount of the payment and the
27	release shall be conclusive evidence of the removal and extinguishment of the lien under sections 135.077
28	to 135.087 to the extent of the payment.
29	6. If, after an initial determination under this section has been made by the director, upon claim
30	for refund, audit or examination or otherwise, it is discovered that the taxpayer or spouse had household
31	income in the amount of or less than the limitation provided under subsection 1 of this section, the
32	director shall determine the amount of taxes deferred that should have been deferred and give notice to the
3	taxpayer or spouse of the amount of taxes that should have been deferred. The provisions of chapter 143
34	shall apply to a determination of the director under this section in the same manner as those provisions are
35	applicable to an income tax refund. The amount of the taxes that should have been deferred shall bear
86	interest from the date paid by the taxpayer to the county at the rate established by the director of the
57	department of revenue for refunds until paid. Claim for refund under this subsection shall be filed within
8	three years after the earliest date that the taxpayer or spouse is notified by the director that the taxes are
9	not deferred.
10	7. This section applies to all tax-deferred property, notwithstanding that election to defer taxes is
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made under sections 135.07/ to 135.08/ before or after January 1, 2013.
135.085. If a taxpayer has been precluded from deferring any portion of their property tax due to
their household income exceeding the maximum upper limit, such person or persons may qualify for a
deferral of the amount of property tax which has increased on their homestead since January first in the
year after their sixty-second birthday. Such deferral shall be subject to the provisions of sections 135.077
to 135.087 as if it were a deferral under section 135.078.
135.086. 1. All payments of deferred taxes shall be made to the director of revenue.
2. Subject to subsection 3 of this section, all or part of the deferred taxes and accrued interest
may at any time be paid to the director by:
(1) The taxpayer or the spouse of the taxpayer;
(2) The next of kin of the taxpayer, heir at law of the taxpayer, child of the taxpayer or any
person having or claiming a legal or equitable interest in the property.
3. A person listed in subdivision (2) of subsection 2 of this section may make such payments only
if no objection is made by the taxpayer within thirty days after the director deposits in the mail notice to
the taxpayer of the fact that such payment has been tendered.
4. Any payment made under this section shall be applied first against accrued interest and any
remainder against the deferred taxes. Such payment shall not affect the deferred tax status of the property.
Unless otherwise provided by law, such payment shall not give the person paying the taxes any interest in
the property or any claim against the estate, in the absence of a valid agreement to the contrary.
5. When the deferred taxes and accrued interest are paid in full and the property is no longer
subject to deferral, the director shall prepare and record in the county in which the property is located a
satisfaction of deferred property tax lien.
6. At the time that the property is deeded over to the county at the conclusion of the foreclosure
proceedings under chapter 141, the court shall order the county treasurer to pay to the director of revenue
from the unsegregated tax collections account the amount of deferred taxes and interest which were not
collected.
7. Immediately upon payment, the county treasurer shall notify the tax collector of the amount
paid to the director for the property which has been deeded to the county.
8. The director of revenue may extend the time for payment of the deferred taxes and interest
accruing with respect to the taxes becoming due and payable under subsection 3 of section 135.083 if:
(1) The taxpayer who claimed homestead property tax deferral dies, or if a spouse who continued
the deferral under subsections 5 to 7 of section 135.083 dies;
(2) The homestead property becomes property of an individual or individuals:
(a) By inheritance or devise; or
(b) If the individual or individuals are heirs or devisees, as defined in section 472.010, in the
course of settlement of the estate;
(3) The individual or individuals commence occupancy of the property as a principal residence on
or before February fifteenth of the calendar year following the calendar year of death; and
(4) The individual or individuals make application to the director for an extension of time for
payment of the deferred taxes and interest before February fifteenth of the calendar year following the
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	calendar year of death.
	9. (1) Subject to subdivision (2) of this subsection, an extension granted under this section shall
	be for a period not to exceed five years after February fifteenth of the calendar year following the calendar
	year of death. The terms and conditions under which the extension is granted shall be in accordance with
	a written agreement entered into by the director and the individual or individuals.
	(2) An extension granted under this section shall terminate immediately if:
	(a) The homestead property is sold or otherwise transferred by any party to the extension
	agreement;
	(b) All of the heirs or devisees who are parties to the extension agreement cease to occupy the
	property as a principal residence; or
	(c) The homestead property, a manufactured structure or floating home, is moved out of the state.
	10. If the director has reason to believe that the homestead property is not sufficient security for
	the deferred taxes and interest, the director may require the individual or individuals to furnish a bond
•	conditioned upon payment of the amount extended in accordance with the terms of the extension. The
	bond shall not exceed an amount double the taxes with respect to which tax extension is granted.
	11. During the period of extension, and until paid, the deferred taxes shall continue to accrue
	interest in the same manner and at the same rate as provided under subsection 6 of section 135.079. No
	interest shall accrue upon interest.
_	12. When any taxpayer who claimed homestead property tax deferral dies, the spouse, heirs, and
	devisees, as defined in section 472.010, shall notify in writing the director of revenue of the taxpayer's
	death.
	135.087. 1. Nothing in sections 135.077 to 135.087 is intended to or shall be construed to:
	(1) Prevent the collection, by foreclosure, of property taxes which become a lien against
1	tax-deferred property;
	(2) Defer payment of special assessments to benefitted property which assessments do not appear
•	on the assessment and tax roll; or
	(3) Affect any provision of any mortgage or other instrument relating to land requiring a person
	to pay property taxes.
	2. After August 28, 2012, it shall be unlawful for any mortgage trust deed or land sale contract to
	contain a clause or statement which prohibits the owner from applying for the benefits of the deferral of
	homestead property taxes provided in sections 135.077 to 135.087. Any such clause or statement in a
	mortgage trust deed or land sale contract executed after August 28, 2012, shall be void.
	3. (1) There is hereby established in the state treasury the "Senior Property Tax Deferral
	Revolving Account" to be used by the director of revenue for the purpose of making the payments to:
	(a) County tax collectors of property taxes deferred for tax years beginning on or after January 1,
	2013, as required by subsections 4 to 6 of section 135.080;
	(b) The director for its expenses in administering the property tax and special assessment senior
	deferral programs.
	(2) The funds necessary to make payments under subdivision (1) of this subsection shall be
	advanced annually to the director.
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